

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-18 and 20-23 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, and 21 have been amended and claims 2, 6, 12 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that specification teaches the gas reduces the “cerium ion”. As such, the claims 8, 14 and 21 have now been amended to be consistent with the specification. Regarding claim 16, the Examiner notes that the specification teaches the cleaning agent is urea or ammonium organic salts. Claim 16 has now been amended as suggested by the Examiner. As such, in view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 8, 14 and 21 stand rejected under 35 CFR § 112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, we respectfully submit that this rejection should be overcome and withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, 10 and 17 are objected to because of a certain informality. Because the Examiner’s suggestions have been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection should now be overcome.

Claims 4, 7, 10, 13, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 CFR § 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Since we followed the Examiner’s suggestions noted above and in view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims should particularly point out and

distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claim 1 to contain allowable subject matter and that claims 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22 and 23 also contain allowable subject matter. Also, it is gratefully acknowledged that claims 4, 10 and 17 contain allowable subject matter provided the 112 second paragraph rejection and the objection are overcome. Also it is gratefully acknowledged that claims 7, 8, 13, 14, 20 and 21 are allowable if the 35 CFR § 112, second paragraph rejection were overcome. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections and objections should now be overcome and as such, all claims in the instant application should be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is noted that a first Amendment was filed on June 20, 2005 for responding to the March 18, 2005 Office Action. A Supplemental Amendment was filed on July 27, 2005 amending claim 17 to correct a typographical error. It is unclear if this previous Amendment has been entered and as such, claim 17 is again amended to be consistent with the changes proposed in the Supplemental Amendment. Because this is merely correcting a typographical error as well as presenting other changes in claim 17, it is respectfully requested that this change should also be entered.

This Amendment follows suggestions by the Examiner in the August 2, 2005 Final Office Action. As such, no new issues should be raised and no further or new considerations should be necessary by the Examiner. As such it is respectfully requested, that this Amendment be entered even though a final rejection has been given.

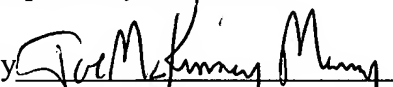
If the Examiner is to persist in her rejections, it is requested that this Amendment be entered for the purposes of Appeal. This Amendment should simplify the issues for appeal by overcoming the rejections. It should nonetheless be unnecessary to proceed to appeal because the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are again earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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